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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventieth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 16 October to 3 November 2000. The first meeting will be convened at the Palais Wilson, United Nations Office at Geneva, on Monday, 16 October 2000 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the seventieth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventieth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its sixty-ninth session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its seventieth session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the Palais Wilson from 9 to 13 October 2000.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational and other matters:
   (a) Report(s) of the Chairperson/Rapporteur(s) of the pre-sessional working group(s);
   (b) Working methods;
   (c) World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance;
   (d) Special meeting with States Parties.
3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
5. General comments of the Committee.
6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will (a) consider the report(s) of the Chairperson/Rapporteur(s) of the pre-sessional working group(s); (b) continue the examination of its working methods and the need to update its rules of procedure; (c) review the status of the Committee's contribution to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and (d) organize and conduct a special meeting with States parties on Monday, 30 October 2000.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventieth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
	Initial reports		
Croatia	CCPR/C/HRV/99/1	1993	19 November 1999
Uzbekistan	CCPR/C/UZ/99/1	1996	15 September 1999
Czech Republic	CCPR/C/CZE/2000/1	1993	3 March 2000
Monaco	CCPR/C/MCO/99/1	1998	30 December 1999
	Second periodic reports		
Switzerland	CCPR/C/CH/98/2	1998	29 September 1998
Guatemala	CCPR/C/GTM/99/2	1998	6 October 1999
Georgia	CCPR/C/GEO/2000/2	2000	9 August 2000
Azerbaijan	CCPR/C/AZE/99/2	1998	8 November 1999
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	CCPR/C/PRK/2000/2	1987	20 March 2000
Syrian Arab Republic	CCPR/C/SYR/2000/2	1984	19 January 2000

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
	Third periodic reports		
Netherlands	CCPR/C/NET/99/3	1997	28 July 2000 (resubmitted)
Venezuela	CCPR/C/VEN/98/3	1998	8 July 1998
	Fourth periodic reports		
Yugoslavia	CCPR/C/YUG/99/4	1993	5 March 1999
Dominican Republic	CCPR/C/DOM/99/4	1994	29 September 1999
	Fifth periodic reports		
Ukraine	CCPR/C/UKR/99/5	1999	20 September 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	CCPR/C/UK/99/5	1999	11 October 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Overseas Territories)	CCPR/C/UKOT/99/5	1999	9 December 1999

B. Reports due

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant reference is made to Chapter III and annex III of the Committee's 2000 annual report to the General Assembly (A/55/40).

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventieth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Trinidad and Tobago CCPR/C/TTO/99/3	Combined third and fourth reports	Monday, p.m.	16 October 2000
		Tuesday, a.m.	17 October 2000
Uzbekistan CCPR/C/UZB/99/1	Initial report	Wednesday, a.m./p.m.	18 October 2000
		Thursday, a.m.	19 October 2000
Denmark CCPR/C/DNK/99/4	Fourth report	Friday, a.m./p.m.	20 October 2000
Peru CCPR/C/PER/98/4	Fourth report	Monday, p.m.	23 October 2000
		Tuesday, a.m.	24 October 2000

Argentina CCPR/C/ARG/98/3	Third report	Wednesday, p.m. Thursday, a.m.	25 October 2000 26 October 2000
Gabon CCPR/C/128/Add.1	Second report	Friday, a.m./p.m.	27 October 2000

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventieth session. The secretariat has also informed the States parties whose reports are to be examined during the seventy-first session in March/April 2001 of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration. These States parties are Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Syria, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

5. General Comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will continue consideration of the draft general comments on article 4 (states of emergency, derogations) and start discussion on a draft general comment on racism and xenophobia.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and eighty-one communications are pending before the Committee. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.